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SPORTS

Vikings win by 17, 66-49, against Houghton Lake



In its last game before winter break, the Grayling High School varsity girls basketball squad defeated the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats 66-49 in a nonconference game on Wednesday night. The victory improved Grayling's overall record to 4-1.

"This was a game where everybody contributed," Coach Joe Powers said. "We were able to use all 11 girls in this game. A nice, solid 17-point win. It's super to be 4-1 going into Christmas break." **Page 11**

JV team gets points from 11 players in 51-30 win



The Grayling Vikings started strong — they opened the game with an 8-0 run and they outscored their opponent 17-8 in the first period — during Wednesday night's junior varsity girls basketball game vs. Houghton Lake, a contest that the Vikings — the home team — won by 21 points, 51-30.

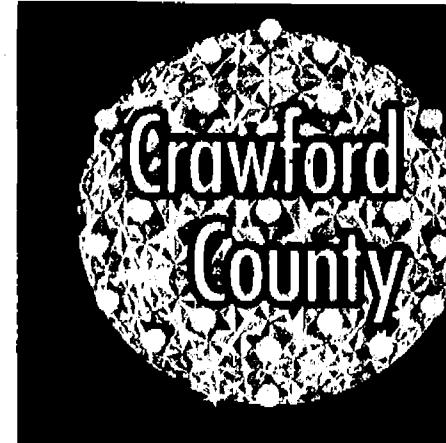
"Our mind-set was to shoot and rebound, look to shoot and attack the basket any chance we could," Coach Knight said. "It worked out well. We had 11 of our 14 people score." **Page 11**

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Two die in City of Grayling house fire

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A grandmother and her grandson died in a house fire in Grayling.

The Grayling City Fire and Police Departments were dispatched to a house fire, located at 708 Vine Street, at 7:07 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, said Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum.

Upon arrival, police officers found the front of the single-story residence fully engulfed in fire. They were notified that a woman and a child were still in the residence.

After the fire was extinguished, found deceased in a bedroom were the bodies of Senta Duncan, 38, and Wyatt Duncan, 5, who was staying with his grandmother at the home.

One of the family's pet dogs was also found deceased in the residence.

Four other children, ages 8 to 15, who were also staying in the resi-

dence, were able to escape the home and were later transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling by Mobile Medical Response Ambulances for smoke inhalation, Baum said. All four children were treated and released.

The home is considered to be a complete loss from the fire, which appeared to have started in the living room area, Baum said. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Grayling City Police, Grayling Fire Department and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's office.

The Beaver Creek Fire Department, Frederic Fire Department and deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

The Crawford County Department of Human Services is accepting donations on behalf of the survivors of this tragedy, Baum said. Donations to support the family



Photo by Dan Sanderson
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are also being taken at the Gray Rock Cafe and the AuSable Dance Center. A spaghetti dinner will also be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 30 at the Gray Rock

Cafe to help the family.

The Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home is accepting donations to help cover the cost for funeral expenses.

WINTER STORM DRACO BLANKETS CRAWFORD COUNTY JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS



It was a very white Christmas in 2012, as Winter Storm Draco pummeled Crawford County this past week. Students were sent home early on Thursday, Dec. 20, and school was cancelled Friday, Dec. 21. Many area residents and businesses experienced power outages from heavy snow and high winds. Drivers dodged mountains of snow on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling, while snowmobilers and skiers were given some substantial snowfall to kickstart the first day of winter.

County urged to step up role regarding fish hatchery

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A fisheries biologist with over 30 years working on the AuSable River has urged Crawford County to take an increased oversight role concerning a proposed commercial fish production operation at the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Steve Sendek retired from his position as a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologist in September. Sendek moved to Grayling Township in 1979. One of his first positions was working out of an office at the Grayling Fish Hatchery and he spent his career managing the AuSable River and its associated watershed.

"I've got a passion for the river to put it mildly," Sendek said.

Sendek said since the county assumed ownership of the Grayling Fish Hatchery, it has been a great place to take children and work with school classes.

"It really is a wonderful place and it is a great asset to the community," Sendek said.

Sendek, however, said he has concerns with the plans to ramp up production at the Grayling Fish Hatchery, converting the tourist attraction into a full-scale fish production operation.

"The bigger the operation, the greater those concerns are," he said.

A memorandum of understanding between the DNR, Crawford County and Harrietta Hills Trout Farm, LLC has been reached to recognize and accept a lease agreement between the county and Harrietta Hills for the purpose of operating the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Sendek said Michigan's Aquaculture Development Act and Department Environmental Quality water quality standards leave a lot of latitude of what can happen with a fish production facility.

Protecting the river downstream from the Grayling Fish Hatchery is paramount.

"The AuSable River is second to none in the Midwest for its angling opportunities for trout," Sendek said. "People come here from all

over the world to fish. They spend money and they buy property. That river generates a lot for the economy in the area and we really need that here."

Sendek said issues, which need to be addressed regarding long-term plans for the fish hatchery, include fish passage for native trout on the AuSable River at the fish hatchery grounds, the release of waste from the facility and potentially passing disease to wild trout. He encouraged county officials to take their time negotiating a long-term lease for operation of the Grayling Fish Hatchery, including limiting the species of fish that would be reared at the facility.

"There are a lot of fish that we do not want in the AuSable system because they will conflict with the native trout population," Sendek said.

Sendek said the onus is on the county officials to take a major oversight role regarding the Grayling Fish Hatchery given cuts to state departments and limited reg-

ulations.

"I hate to say this, but the state is not going to oversee this, I think, to the level we will all count on," Sendek said. "I don't want to see anything happen to this river that would be bad."

County Commissioner Scott Hanson recommended narrowing the species of fish that could be raised at the fish hatchery when negotiating a lease.

Rick Anderson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, questioned brown and brook trout living in the same habitat.

Sendek said the state has a long range of data regarding both species of trout.

"They've learned to coexist," Sendek said. "The data has shown that."

Sendek offered his services to the county when developing agreements for fish hatchery operations.

Dan Vogler, the owner and general manager of the Harrietta Hills

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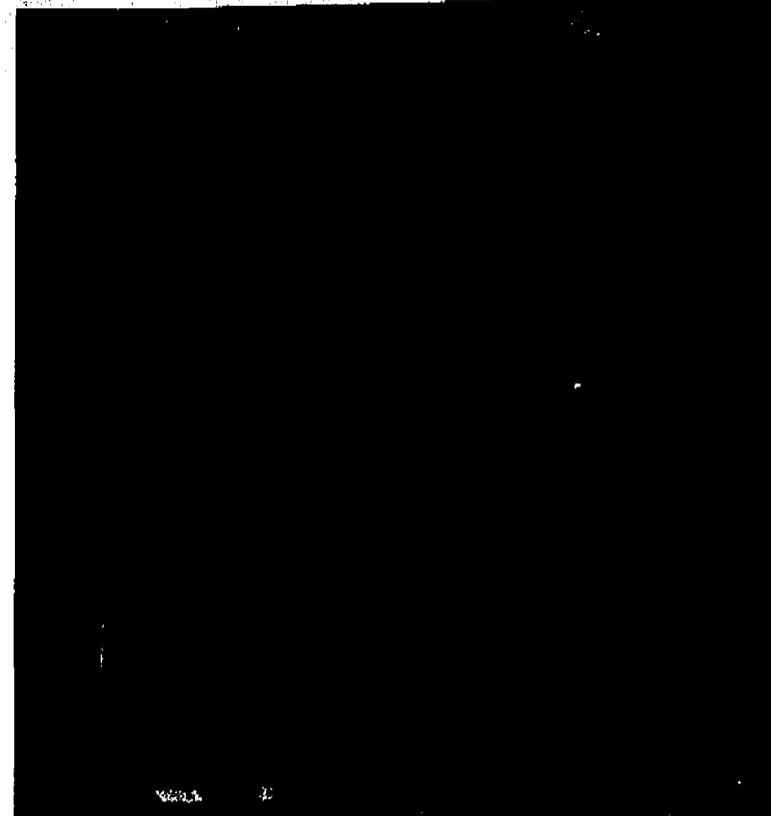
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Fourth graders wow crowd at holiday concert

Fourth grade students, under the direction of Grayling Elementary School Music Teacher James Brown, showcased their singing and talents using several musical instruments at a holiday concert last week. Above left, the students perform a holiday tune with their recorders. Above right, Eliot Boik and Alison Brown perform as a duo with the rest of the students serving as background singers.

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'Finding Bigfoot' comes to Hartwick Pines

by T.J. Rankin

Staff Writer

Northern Michigan is not without its share of local legends. Some Crawford County residents will warn visitors of the Dogman, a half-man, half-dog creature that is claimed by some to inhabit our local woods. Others insist on the existence of paranormal activity in the county. Indeed, it is hardly possible to grow up in Crawford County without hearing ghost stories about the cemetery in the abandoned lumber town of Pere

Cheney. But when one hears about a bigfoot sighting, they expect that sort of news to come from the Pacific Northwest, not from Crawford County.

Nevertheless, on the Dec. 16 airing of "Animal Planet's" "Finding Bigfoot", Northern Michigan is featured and depicted as a bigfoot sighting hotspot. The cast and crew of the nationally televised program, which tracks the Bigfoot Field Research Organization on its cross-continent search for the legendary creature, paid a visit to Crawford County this fall to film part of an episode called "Bigfoot" and Wolverines".

The hunt for a sasquatch, or "squatch", as they are often called on the show, led them to various local areas, including Houghton Lake. It also brought them to Hartwick Pines State Park, where they met with historian Rob Burg to find out if there have been any sasquatch stories passed down from the logging

days.

As it turns out, the history of Crawford County carries with it another legend. "This area was heavily logged in the 19th century," Burg told the squatch-hunters, "and while they were out here they did have stories. One of them that they had was called the 'agropelter'." According to Burg, the agropelter is a creature that lived in the tops of trees, and with its long arms would hurl tree branches at unsuspecting loggers.

The website Americanmonsters.com further describes the agropelter as being about 3 ft tall and slender, resulting in the suggestion that they are juvenile sasquatches. Inhabiting the North American boreal forests, they are thought to be nocturnal omnivores.

But oddly, they display a tendency of tormenting humans, especially lumberjacks. Legend tells of the agropelter throwing tree limbs at the heads of lumberjacks, rendering the human unconscious. Next the victim is stuffed into a hollow tree and saved to be eaten later. In lumber lore, the creatures are implicated in the deaths of numerous lumberjacks.

During the episode, host Matt Moneymaker, took the local agropelter stories as clear bigfoot evidence, noting that only humans and squatches are known to throw things. This seems false (primates come to mind), but we will assume he was referring only to the wild animals native to Michigan.

The crew from "Finding Bigfoot" showed excitement about this area being a good sasquatch habitat. They then drove to

Houghton Lake and held a town hall meeting there, at which multiple residents were filmed describing their encounters with bigfoot, one woman claiming to have heard the beast roaring just the night before.

As is consistent with most episodes of "Finding Bigfoot", the crew members went out at night with their squatch-hunting gear (night-vision technology and infrared cameras) and tried to catch sight and sound of the beast. They also use a technique called call blasting,

where they mimic the vocalizations of a squatch to try to lure one in. Although their findings are typically inconclusive, the hosts usually tend to be convinced by the end of the episodes of the possibility of a bigfoot living in the areas they visit.

There are many theories that attempt to explain the elusiveness of the sasquatch. A book by David Daegling, "Bigfoot Exposed: An Anthropologist Examines America's Enduring Legend," explores one interesting fringe theory. Supported by paranormal investigator Jon-Erik Beckjord, it suggests that the lack of hard evidence to support the existence of bigfoot is due to the creature being an interdimensional being. The theory holds that bigfoot warps in and out of dimensions, and in this way remains elusive.

However, many bigfoot believers dismiss this theory as an embarrassment. No reported living specimen has yet been found and studied, and no skeletal remains are on record to have been discovered. But it seems the bigfoot legend is alive and well in North America, and in Crawford County.

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Camp Grayling's Chief of Facility Engineering MAJ James Robson is pleased with the progress that has been made. "At this point, we are about six months ahead of schedule," Robson said.

The first phase included the construction of a turnabout, which serves two functions: to redirect drivers back away from the base who did not intend to enter, and to cause vehicles to decelerate as they approach the gate. Deceleration will also disrupt the approach of security threats.

Phase one has only a few more tasks to complete, including a new sign for the entrance, and a new light for the intersection of Military Road and M93.

Margrethe Boulevard, which formerly met M93 closer to the entrance to the camp, now meets M93 across from Military Road at the intersection. A cul-de-sac is now in place where Margrethe Boulevard used to open up to M93.

The second phase of construction will most likely resume during 2013 and 2014, at which point the entrance will most likely be closed again.

Robson says that phase two of the operation will include the construction of a new guard shack, inspection lanes, and a new barrier.

When the entire project is finished, planners anticipate a more effective and secure entrance to the camp.

For more information, contact MAJ James Robson at Camp Grayling at 989-344-6182.

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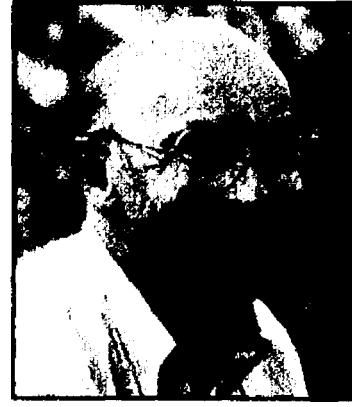


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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

For the New Year, here are a few suggested resolutions

IT'S TIME FOR Auld Lang Syne once more, which means it's also time for resolutions and personal renewal for the New Year 2013.

In an effort to be helpful, here's a holiday recipe that everyone should consider using frequently during the coming New Year:

"Take four cups of love ... two cups of loyalty ... three cups of understanding and forgiveness ... one cup of friendship and another cup of kindness... five spoons of hope ... two spoons of tenderness ... four quarts of faith ... one barrel of laughter."

"Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith."

"Blend with tenderness and kindness."

"Stir with understanding, for-giveness and friendship."

"Sprinkle abundantly with laughter."

"Bake with sunshine and hope."

"Serve daily, with generous helpings."

If each of us would try this recipe whenever possible during the coming year, this would be a much better world ... and it would be more fun to live in it.

I don't remember where I first came across this recipe for happiness and a good life, but wisdom can be found in many places. If you agree this is good advice, please try it.

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MORE RESOLUTIONS - Here's another good set of resolutions I found on a placemat at a forgotten restaurant several years ago. I recommend the ideas, if not the restaurant, to Almanack readers. Again, wisdom can be found in many places.

Take time to work ... it is the price of success.

Take time to think ... it is the source of power.

Take time to play ... it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read ... it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to worship ... it is the highway to reverence.

Take time to be friendly ... it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh ... it is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream ... it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to live.

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THERE'S MORE - At the risk of overkill, here's another set of possible resolutions for the New Year, offered for your consideration all year around.

These "Ten Commandments of Human Relations" came from a newsletter sent by a small city chamber of commerce to its hometown newspaper many years ago. I don't know the chamber's source nor do I remember the town or the newspaper, but these are still excellent suggestions.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72

muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you must be a friend.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.

6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.

7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There usually are three sides to any controversy - your side, the other person's, and the right side.

9. Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know.

10. Maintain a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience, and a dash of humility. This combination will open many doors and the rewards will be enormous.

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THAT'S ENOUGH sweetness and light for one sitting, but there are enough positive suggestions in the above items to last a full year.

If you are one of those procrastinators who have not yet developed your resolutions for the New Year, please feel free to adopt any - or all - of the suggestions listed above as your own resolutions. There's no extra charge.

To all of you, a prosperous and Happy New Year, from The Almanack.

(NOTE: This column has appeared at the beginning of a New Year intermittently during the past several years. The advice and suggestions remain pertinent in the troubled days ahead.)

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Viewpoint

IRS offers tips for year-end giving

Individuals and businesses making contributions to charity should keep in mind some key tax provisions that have taken effect in recent years, especially those affecting donations of clothing and household items and monetary donations.

Rules for clothing and household items: To be deductible, clothing and household items donated to charity generally must be in good used condition or better. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to meet this standard if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances and linens.

Guidelines for monetary donations: To deduct any charitable donation of money, regardless of amount, a taxpayer must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records

include canceled checks,

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include those made in cash

or by check, electronic

funds transfer, credit card

and payroll deduction. For

payroll deductions, the

taxpayer should retain a

pay stub, a Form W-2 wage

statement or other docu-

ment furnished by the

employer showing the total

amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.

These requirements for the deduction of monetary donations do not change the long-standing requirement that a taxpayer obtain an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. However, one statement containing all of the required information may meet both requirements.

To help taxpayers plan their holiday-season and year-end giving, the IRS offers the following additional reminders:

Contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2012 count for 2012. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2013. Also, checks count for 2012 as long as they are mailed in 2012.

Check that the organization is qualified. Only donations to qualified organizations are tax-deductible.

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taxpayers who itemize

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1040 Schedule A can claim

deductions for charitable

contributions. This deduction

is not available to individ-

uals who choose the stand-

ard deduction, including any-

one who files a short form

(Form 1040A).

A taxpayer will have a tax savings only if the total itemized deductions (mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, etc.) exceed the standard deduction. Use the 2012 Form 1040 Schedule A to determine whether itemizing is better than claiming the standard deduction.

For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, get from the charity, if possible, a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribution, and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. Additional rules apply for a contribution of \$250 or more.

The deduction for a motor vehicle, boat or airplane donated to charity is usually limited to the gross proceeds from its sale. This rule applies if the claimed value is more than \$500. Form 1098-C, or a similar statement, must be provided to the donor by the organization and attached to the donor's tax return.

If the amount of a taxpayer's deduction for all noncash contributions is over \$500, a properly-completed Form 8283

must be submitted with the tax return.

And, as always it's important to keep good records and receipts.

IRS.gov has additional

information on charitable

giving.

Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed on Monday, December 31st at noon and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9am.

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Briefs

Blood Drive to be held

A Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Jan. 3, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at St. Mary's Family Center, 707 Spruce St., Grayling.

Class for new moms to be held

A free parenting class for first time moms will be held Jan. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Resurrection Life Center in Grayling. For more information, call Bonnie or Allison at New Life Pregnancy Center, 989-732-1626.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Early season rise seen in flu activity

Flu activity is on the rise throughout the U.S. and Michigan, making this the earliest increase for December since 2003. According to Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the flu has picked up its pace about a month earlier than usual. Every flu season is different, but numbers normally peak in January or February.

Influenza is a serious disease. It causes over 200,000 hospitalizations a year and thousands of deaths. Fortunately, this year's vaccine is an "excellent" match for the circulating flu strains, according to CDC officials. Influenza A - H3N2, the strain causing many reported cases so far, is one of the three types of flu virus in the current 2012-2013 vaccine.

"Vaccination is, by far, the best tool we have to protect ourselves against flu," said Dr. James Wilson, Medical Director of District Health Department #10. "The vaccine is widely available. It's time to get vaccinated, if you haven't already."

The Health Department urges everyone six months and older to get vaccinated.

It's especially crucial for pregnant women, children, and people age 65 and older. Since infants under six months can't get the vaccine, their protection primarily depends on their mother's immunity. An infant's protection also depends on keeping their family members and caregivers well.

"The greater the number of people who are vaccinated, the less severe the flu season will be," said Dr. Wilson. "The best thing you can do is create a ring of immunity around your family and your community."

While it's important to wash your hands, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and stay home if you're sick, vaccination remains the best way to prevent flu. "So get your vaccine now," said Dr. Wilson. "It's never too late to help prevent serious flu illness."

More information on flu can be found on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/flu. To find out how you can get your flu vaccine, contact your local office of District Health Department #10. In Crawford County call 989-348-7800.

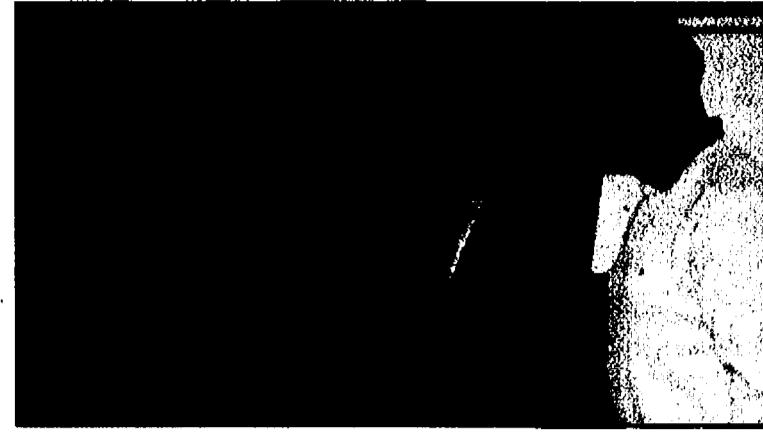
Area Events

Mio - The Secretary of State office at 302 N. Morenci Ave. in Mio will be closed for remodeling Jan. 4-10 and will reopen on Friday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m. Residents who need Secretary of State services during the remodeling period may visit the next closest offices. The West Branch, Harrisville, Gaylord and Grayling Secretary of State offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. However, the Harrisville and Grayling offices close for a lunch hour from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Customers may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer-service representative at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

Ralph Sperry Award recipient named



Maureen Daugherty, executive director of the Roscommon County Transportation Authority, was selected as the 2012 recipient of the Ralph Sperry Award. Once a year, the C.O.O.R. Board of Education and R.O.O.C. Inc. present the Ralph Sperry Award to an individual or group in recognition of their contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities. Pictured left to right: Maureen Daugherty; Clarice Sperry, widow of Ralph Sperry; and Bob Carpenter, COOR ISD Board President.

Chamber spotlights The Bicycle Shop



The Bicycle Shop owner, Bob Smith, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for December.

The Bicycle Shop, located at 200 E. Michigan Ave., downtown Grayling, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for December.

Smith moved to Grayling in 1994 to help the original owner, Dick Fultz, run the shop. After 12 years of working, he purchased the shop from Fultz.

The Bicycle Shop sells bikes, parts for bikes, canoe paddles, energy food and drinks, sunglasses and more. They also wax cross country skis.

The Bicycle Shop employs two to three staff members and is open year round.

Smith said that being a part of the community makes him feel like family.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 23 of \$25 each; Lance Davis (2), Lyle Canfield (2), Steve Brinks (2), Karl Golinick, Andy Moore, Mel Moore, Virgil Weaver, Joyce Sorenson, Sherri Swanson, Gary Dipzinski, Larry Davis, Tammy Osborne, Michele Malette, Madilyn Bond and Herluf Moshier.

American Legion Post

The Grayling American Legion Post #106 - Camp Grayling Commemorative Raffle held on Dec. 21. The winners were: Shed - Bob Crist, quilt - Gary Stammersky, Home Depot gift card - Daryl Kujat.

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The Bible Speaks

Merry Christmas!

Let us read reverently the story of Christ's birth: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And thou shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt 1:18-23).

John tells us how eternal God became flesh, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3) "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

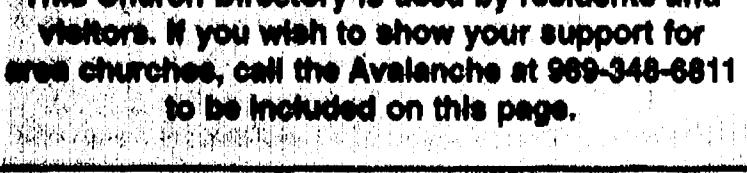
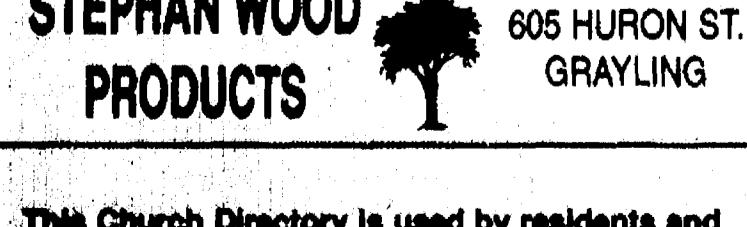
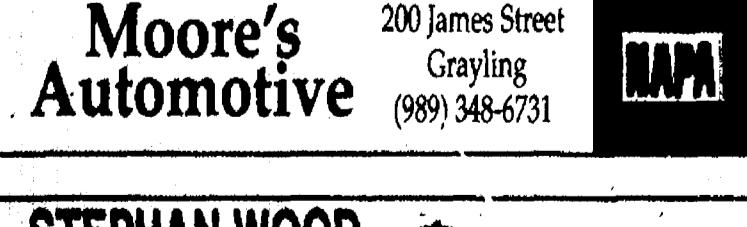
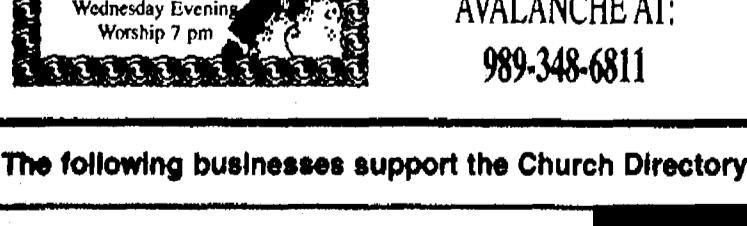
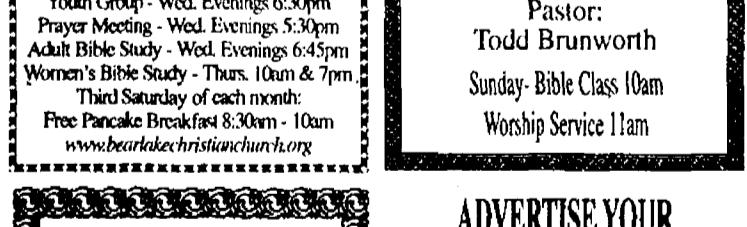
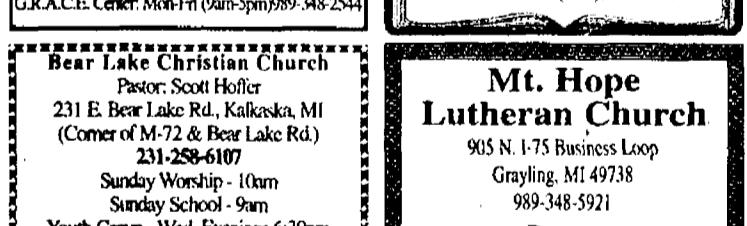
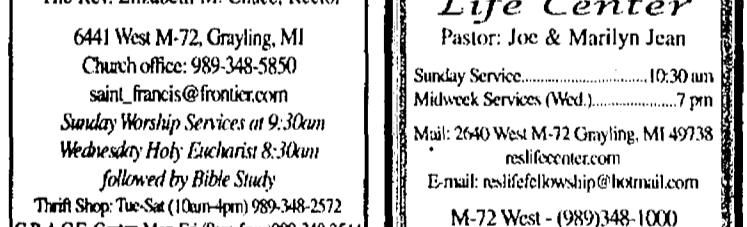
Paul puts this all together saying, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles,

believed on in the world, received up into glory." John tells us of Christ's witness in heaven today: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." (1 John 5:7)

Jesus Christ came into the world to become our savior. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." (Matt. 18:11) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:16,17) As the great apostle Paul said, "15This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." (1 Tim. 1:15) The great apostle Peter said, "12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12) "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:11,12) Have you trusted Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and to save your soul? Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Ira P. Wells

Ira Paul Wells, 89, of Maple Forest Township, passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

Ira was born in Taylor Township, on August 28, 1923, a son of the late Effie (Wager) and Frank Wells. He was one of seven children. All brothers and sisters have preceded him in death.

He joined the US Army in March 1943, served in Europe and Africa, was discharged in 1945.

Ira married the former Helen DASHO on May 20, 1950 in Wyandotte, she preceded him in death in 2008 after 58 years of marriage.

He owned and operated Southgate Hardware for 30 years. After moving north in 1977, he started Maple Forest Small Engine Repair. Ira was an avid jigsaw puzzle maker and worked on them up until a few months ago.

He also loved to sing and was always humming some kind of song. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gaylord.

He is survived by: daughters: Barbara (Larry) Domcik of Maple Forest Twp., Renee (Vince) Agius of New Boston, Paula (Kenneth) Green of New Boston, Peggy (Brian) Box of Whitmore Lake; grandchildren: Timothy Domcik, Phillip and Michael Spriggs, Sara, Rachel and Jacob Box; great-grandson, Alex Soko; several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service scheduled after the first of the year in 2013.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Crawford County Commission on Aging 308 Lawndale Grayling, Michigan in Ira's memory.

Ira's family wishes to especially thank Grayling Nursing & Rehabilitation Community and Hilltop Manor in Roscommon for taking great care of Ira the last 14 months of his life.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Lois Collen

Lois Collen, 92, of Indianapolis, Ind. (formerly of Gaylord and Grayling) passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lois was born in Billings Twp., Gladwin County, MI on May 20, 1920, daughter of the late Mabel (Martin) and George Winn.

She married Sam Collen in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1989 after 54 years of marriage.

Lois worked as a bank teller at the Grayling State Bank and retired in 1981.

She is survived by her children: Janice (Robert) Wright of Gaylord, Nancy Biddle of Indiana, James (Sandy) Collen of Grayling, George (Carolyn) Collen of Grayling; 17 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren; sisters: Dolores Mecklenburg of Southfield, Emma Allen of Clare and Georgia Shephard of Clare.

Private family gathering has been held.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Spring 2013.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Senta M. Duncan

Senta Marie Duncan, 38, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 in Grayling.

Senta was born in Royal Oak, on February 14, 1974, a daughter of Pamela Rose Nemeth and the late Terry George Johnson.

She married Robert Duwayne Duncan on June 27, 2003 in West Branch.

Senta obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and was working on a masters degree.

She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family defines her as a hero that gave her life trying to save her grandson.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; mother, Pamela (John) Nemeth of Gaylord; children: Kristopher Morey of Vanderbilt, Shawn Morey of Vanderbilt, Megan Morey of Vanderbilt, Destiny Duncan of Grayling, Tequila Duncan of Grayling, Harley Duncan of Grayling; grandson, Damien Duncan; uncles: James, John and Joel Cyparski; aunts, Priscilla Roach and Patrice Hite.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Anastasia and Joseph Cyparski; father, Terry Johnson and grandson; Wyatt Duncan.

A service for Sharing

Memories and Remembering Senta was held at 12 noon on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Family has requested that donations for funeral expenses be sent to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home PO Box 602 Grayling, MI 49738.

Wyatt Duncan

Wyatt Andrew James Duncan, 5, of Grayling, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Wyatt was a kindergartner at the Grayling Elementary school. He was very loved by his family and friends.

Wyatt is survived by parents, Robert Duncan and Christina Duncan; brothers, Damien Duncan and Maxzander Elderich; sister, Mary Rose Trubegan; grandparents: Diana and Leo, Judy and Larry, Tom, Reno, Robert, Pamela and Suewella; aunts and uncles: Chris and Megan, Teresa and John, Shawn, Shane, Shauna, Sarah, Rebecca, April, Jennifer, Chloe, Ecko, Tequila, Destiny, and Harley; cousins, Willie, Charissa,

Funeral service was held at 12 p.m., Saturday December 22, 2012 at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Services were held.

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Edward C. Ayers

Edward Clyde Ayers, age 88, of Frederic (Maple Forest), passed away Friday, December 21, 2012.

Edward was born on February 9, 1924 in Silverwood. He was a 1941 graduate of Mayville High School.

On July 31, 1948 he married the love of his life, Marion Harvey. 1965 they moved to Frederic. The couple recently celebrated 64 years of marriage!

Edward proudly served his country in the US Army during WWII in the European Theatre for three years.

In 1961 he started his 31 year career with the State of Michigan as a materials inspector and worked there until his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Ayers is survived by his wife, Marion; his children: Marilyn (Rex) Alma, Michael (Julie), Darryl, Harvey (Ardie), Carolyn (Lucas) N'bunh, Bradford (Lisa) and Arvela Cox; 28 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one brother, Franklin Ayers; and one sister, Nellie Mae (Raymond) Wojtkowiak.

Randy Dean Ruddell, age 41 of Sault Ste. Marie - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines or serve 116 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Robert James Rouse, age 44 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$870 in fines or serve 87 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

James William Hilton, age 69 of Washington - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,290 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Annette Lynne Brody, age 34 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 27, 2012, for license suspended/revoke allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve four days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$610 in fines or serve 61 days in jail.

Jason Christopher Campbell, age 35 of Garden City - Sentenced on Nov. 27, 2012, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$500 in fines or serve 50 days in jail; placed on probation for 120 days.

Zachary Lan Cunningham, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for controlled substance use of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Thomas Oscar Nowlin, age 48 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for drove while license not valid/improper license; ordered to pay \$325 in fines or serve 32 days in jail.

Zackary Alex Robege, age 20 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,160 in fines or serve 116 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

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News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 28 - Lunch - Italian sausage, green pepper and onion, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and blueberry yogurt. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool-9 Ball.

Monday, Dec. 31 - Closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Closed. The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

87th District Court

Sentencings for November 2012

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Frederick Jay Mellen, age 52 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 30, 2012, for stalking and license suspended/revoke allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$1,194 in fines.

Randy Dean Ruddell, age 41 of Sault Ste. Marie - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2012, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines or serve 116 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

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Grant pays for walkway leading to local museums

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As Lovells Township ends its year for celebrating its centennial, the community has received a new approach to help residents and visitors observe its rich history.

Officials from the Michigan Township Participating Plan, a municipal insurance broker that covers township, villages, cities and counties, made a site visit to Lovells Township earlier this year and recommended that a walkway be placed between the parking lot and the two museums located on the township grounds.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan offers a grant program to its members to help fund projects.

Lovells Township Supervisor Gary Neumann and Clerk Cynthia Infante worked with Lovells Township Historical Society members to develop a walkway plan and a grant was submitted.

Paul Olson, a local underwriter for the Michigan

Township Participating Plan, presented a \$1,200 grant to the township in November.

Shortly afterwards, a crew from Jack Millikin, Inc. placed a path of Afton stone leading to the Lovells Township Historical Society's Trout Fishing Museum and Lone Pine School House Museum.

"It's Afton stone, so it's cheaper than asphalt or concrete, but it will compact and make a good, solid walkway," said Richard Perry, secretary for the Lovells Historical Township Society Board of Trustees who also oversees buildings and grounds for the volunteer organization.

Before the walkway was in place, even residents and visitors without mobility issues had issues walking across the grass to the museums.

"Having the walkway is major plus for the township and to all of our visitors - no doubt about it," Neumann said.

The walkway is about 400 feet long and four feet wide.

Mitten Tree collects donations



The Friends of the Crawford County Library do an annual Mitten Tree at Devereaux Memorial Library to collect hats, scarves and mittens to donate to The Christian Help Center and The Baby Closet. Pictured is Rosemary Nelson, coordinator for The Baby Closet, who is admiring a hat that she will put to good use for infants and toddlers. The Friends were overwhelmed with the generosity of this year's donations.

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Perry said the new path enhances the museum grounds, while leading to the buildings where the community's artifacts and history can be viewed.

"They will be able to get to the museums and will be able to visit," Perry said. "It looks kind of nice and adds an aesthetic the way it splits off and goes toward both museum buildings."

Lovells Township marked its 100th anniversary as a community in 2012.

A petition for the division of Maple Forest Township was presented to the County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 4, 1912, because residents in the Lovells area wanted to have their own representation for that portion of Crawford County. The petition, was signed by 19 Maple Forest Township residents and 12 residents

from Lovells.

The Lovells Township Museum will have expanded operating hours for the 2013 season and will be open four days a week beginning in April 2013. Carol Britton will continue to be in the Lone Pine School House on Wednesday and Saturday, and Steve Kiem will be in the trout fishing Museum on Friday and Saturday. Kiem is a well-known local fly tyer, who will be demonstrating his fly tying skills and will be available to talk about fly-fishing, bamboo rods and fishing on the North Branch of the AuSable River.

The Trout Fishing Museum will feature Michigan Bamboo Rodmakers for the 2013 season.

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Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church replaces roof

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A new, metal roof has been placed on a Grayling landmark church to protect it from the elements for the next five generations.

Northern Michigan Metal Roofing, a Roscommon-based company, replaced the roof on the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Portions of the roof are between 15 and 27 years old, said Fred Campbell, chairman of the board of trustees for the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

A group of church members had a walk though the church earlier this year and noted a large amount of water damage throughout the entire building.

"Basically, instead of doing a little patch work here and a little patch work there, it was time we had to do something with the entire roof," Campbell said.

Seven bids for the job were received from area roofing contractors. One firm was eliminated from consideration because it did not carry worker's compensation and liability insurance, which was required under the church's insurance policy.

The cost for the entire project was \$80,000.

Rev. Pat Robbins, the pastor for the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, opted to stay on the higher ground and away from construction finances and specifications.

"I had the easy part," Robbins said. "All I had to do is pray about it and ask people to financially support it and the faithfulness of the congregation has been able to raise money from within to pay for the roof."

The church upgrades have also included installing insulation and ventilation systems to create a more comfortable environment in



Photo courtesy of Fred Campbell

Above, Northern Michigan Metal Roofing, a Roscommon-based company, replaced the roof on the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

the building.

Campbell said the contractors have already gone above and beyond the job for the building improvements.

"They've done a bang up job," he said. "They've found some things that we weren't even aware of and they've corrected those issues and haven't charged us anything extra."

The original "Wesleyan" congregation that eventually became the Methodist Church in Grayling formed during the period of 1878-1881.

Grayling lumberman Nels Michelson challenged the members to raise money needed to pay off all indebtedness and to build a parsonage. Michelson himself donated enough money for the repair and refurbishing of the church building, which included new carpeting, stained glass windows and light fixtures. The parsonage was built to the east of the church in 1889.

A gift of \$25,000 from

Nels Michelson enabled the congregation to proceed with their dream of a new church building. The building was erected on the site of the old wood church with that structure being attached to the rear of the new building and used for Sunday school purposes. The new church was dedicated on Dec. 8, 1918 and renamed Michelson Memorial Episcopal Church in memory of Margrethe Jensen Michelson, the wife of Nels Michelson, who had died in 1893.

Five years after it was dedicated, the new church building was destroyed by a fire on Nov. 14, 1923. The cause was thought to be a defective furnace blower.

Once again, Nels Michelson, now retired and living in Detroit, came to the aid of the Grayling Methodists. After being informed of the loss, Michelson wired back instructions to begin rebuilding at once. Work

began in July of 1924. The church was completed and was dedicated on March 14, 1925. The Danish Lutheran people of Grayling let the Methodist congregation use Danebod Hall for their religious services during that time.

On May 3, 1977 another fire burned the sanctuary and bell tower and caused extensive smoke damage throughout the building. The church was repaired and re-consecrated on Oct. 16, 1977, only five months after the fire.

In 1995, under the direction of Pastor Doug Paterson, "Michelson Alive in 95" started the groundwork for another successful addition and renovation of the church facility. This project consisted of a new large narthex for welcoming and gathering, installation of an elevator for access to all areas of the church, renovation of the kitchen, complete electrical rewiring and a new heating system.

County urged to step up role regarding fish hatchery

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Fish Farm, said the county will have ample oversight of the fish hatchery with agreements that will be reached.

"Obviously, the county is going to have oversight because we will have a contract," Vogler said.

Vogler said he would

address any specific issues anyone has regarding his plans to operate the fish hatchery, stressing that it would not make good business sense to have a negative impact on the AuSable River.

"My goal is for it to be good for the community as

well as to run a good business," Vogler said. "We're not going to run a good business if we don't maintain the health of the AuSable River."

Vogler said that there are still several steps that need to be reached to obtain a discharge permit for the

Grayling Fish Hatchery, adding that he wants to move forward in a constructive manner with the county and others who have concerns.

"I'm optimistic that we can all reach an arrangement that works," he said.

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GMS NAMES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for November are: (from left to right, back row) Harrison Abbe, Ashley Bancroft, Bobbie Jo Benson, Megan Benson, Nicole Berridge, Mollie Binert, Tyler Brandt; (middle row) Bryan Collier, Amber Cook, Brandon Davison, Brianna Dent, Ken Dutton, Sarah Holcomb, Molly Leslie, Riley Morley; (front row) Carlie Miller, Ankur Patel, Andrew Reichelderfer, Olivia Schreiber; (not pictured) Wesley Black, Jordan Jamison.

Five rest stops closed for winter travel

by Lauren Gentile

Capital News Service

LANSING — The Department of Transportation plans to keep open 76 of its 81 rest areas, and says most of the closures are for safety reasons

Five rest areas are shutdown until April

They are the St. Ignace rest area on southbound I-75; Ludington rest area on northbound US-31; Topinabee rest area on northbound I-75; Hebron rest area on southbound I-75; and Hart rest area on southbound US-31.

James Lake, MDOT communications representative, said, "Three of the rest areas were closed because of safety concerns dealing with ice and steep inclines or declines on ramps to enter or exit, and

the third has too many stairs that could become quite slick."

Lake said most rest areas are on flat terrain

"Instead of putting anyone at risk to slip off the road or even hit someone else, it is better that we just keep them closed for the 17 weeks."

As for the other two, "We feel that there is a lack of travel to them during the winter," he said.

Transportation Director Kirk Steudle said other rest areas are never more than 60 miles away, and drivers can use other exits.

"Motorists, commercial drivers and tourists all rely on our network of rest areas year-round for the convenience and safety they pro-

vide," Steudle said. "That is why we keep as many of them open in the winter as possible."

Matt Friday, executive director of the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, said the seasonal closures could help local businesses.

"This could force people to exit and frequent businesses in the area with sales."

Mindy Sands, executive director of the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, said closing the local rest area wouldn't be detrimental to the city.

"They are trying to help keep travelers safe. When plowing, their main concern is highways and heavily traveled roads, not rest areas," she said. "Therefore this can drive traffic into our restau-

rants and stores that we would not normally get if the rest area was open."

Lake said the closures were not budget-driven, but there are some savings with the closures.

"Between the plowing, electricity, heat and cleaning expenses, MDOT saves roughly \$150,000 each year on these closures."

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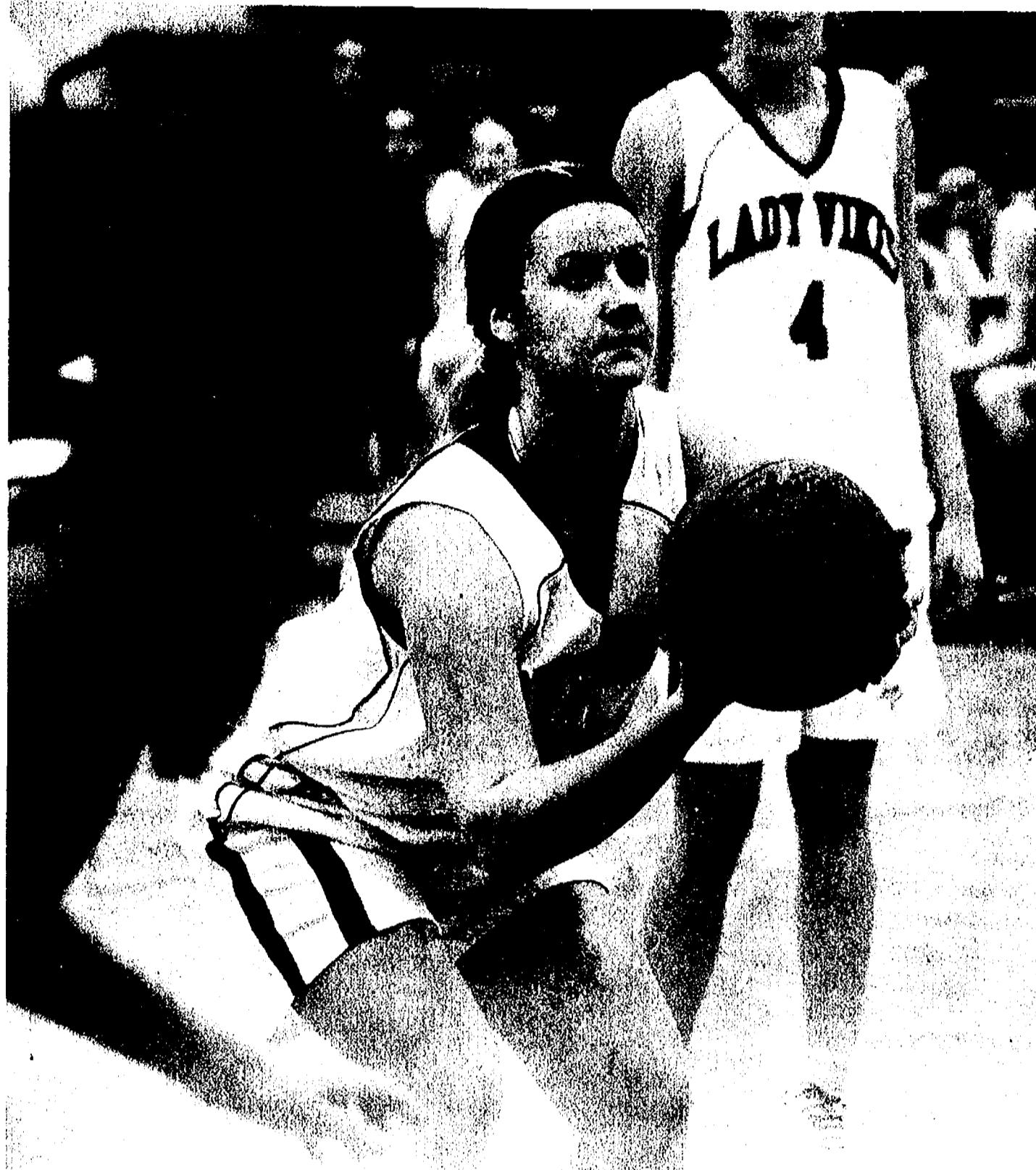
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Left: Varsity player Makayla Cragg shoots from the free-throw line during Wednesday's home game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Above: Emily Jackson shoots for Grayling's JV squad vs. Houghton Lake on Wednesday night.

GHS WINS JV, VARSITY GAMES VS. BOBCATS

Vikings win by 17, 66-49, against Houghton Lake

Nine players score points for varsity squad on Wednesday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

In its last game before winter break, the Grayling High School varsity girls basketball squad defeated the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats 66-49 in a nonconference game on Wednesday night. The victory improved Grayling's overall record to 4-1.

"This was a game where everybody contributed," Coach Joe Powers said. "We were able to use all 11 girls in this game. A nice, solid 17-point win. It's super to be 4-1 going into Christmas break."

Grayling outscored Houghton Lake 21-8 in the first quarter.

Hannah Haven scored the Vikings' first two baskets. Alyssa Morley scored on a put-back. With the score tied at 6-6, Grayling went on a 13-0 run. The series

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Samantha Denno handles the ball in the post during Wednesday's varsity game vs. the Bobcats.

JV team gets points from 11 players in 51-30 win

Grayling defeats Houghton Lake in last game before break

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The Grayling Vikings started strong — they opened the game with an 8-0 run and they outscored their opponent 17-8 in the first period — during Wednesday night's junior varsity girls basketball game vs. Houghton Lake, a contest that the Vikings — the home team — won by 21 points, 51-30.

Grayling's 8-0 run to start the game included a put-back by Courtney Hatfield, two free throws from Allison Dorn, a jump shot by Erica Umlor, and a lay-up by Brittany Nielson.

The Vikings scored nine more points in the first quarter with two free throws from Nielson, a lay-up by Umlor, one free throw by Umlor, a jump shot by Sally Metiva, and an inside shot by Taylor Nielson.

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Sally Metiva dribbles the ball for the JV Vikings on Wednesday.



Tandy Mitchell handles the ball for the varsity squad.



Erica Umlor controls the ball for the JV Vikings vs. the Bobcats.

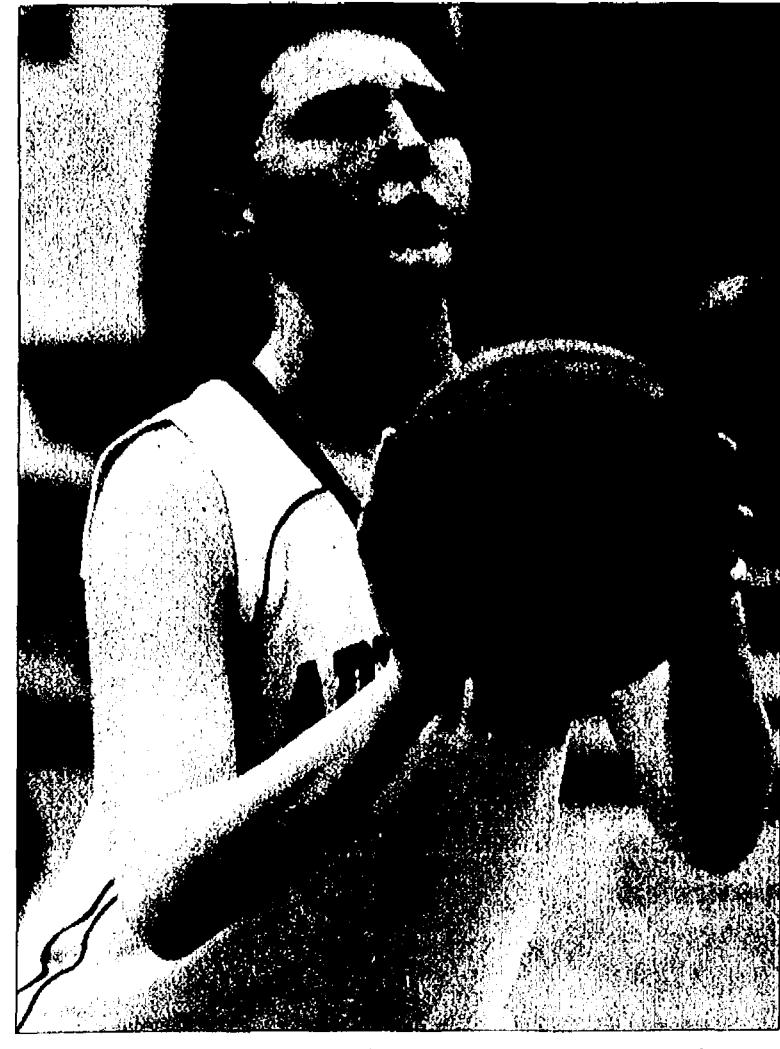
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Hailey Whittaker, left, shoots from the free-throw line on Wednesday night. Hannah Haven, right, drives to the basket for the Vikings vs. the Bobcats.

Vikings win by 17, 66-49, against Houghton Lake

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Continued from Page 11 included one free throw from Samantha Denno, two drives by Hailey Whittaker, a put-back by Denno, a lay-up by Whittaker, and two jump shots by Tandy Mitchell. Rachel Money hit an inside shot for the Vikings.

Whittaker made a jump shot for Grayling to start the second period. Denno completed a three-point play at the 5:58 mark, giving Grayling a 26-9 advantage. Cierra Prosser converted a three-point play at the 2:27 mark. Makayla Cragg scored on an inside shot.

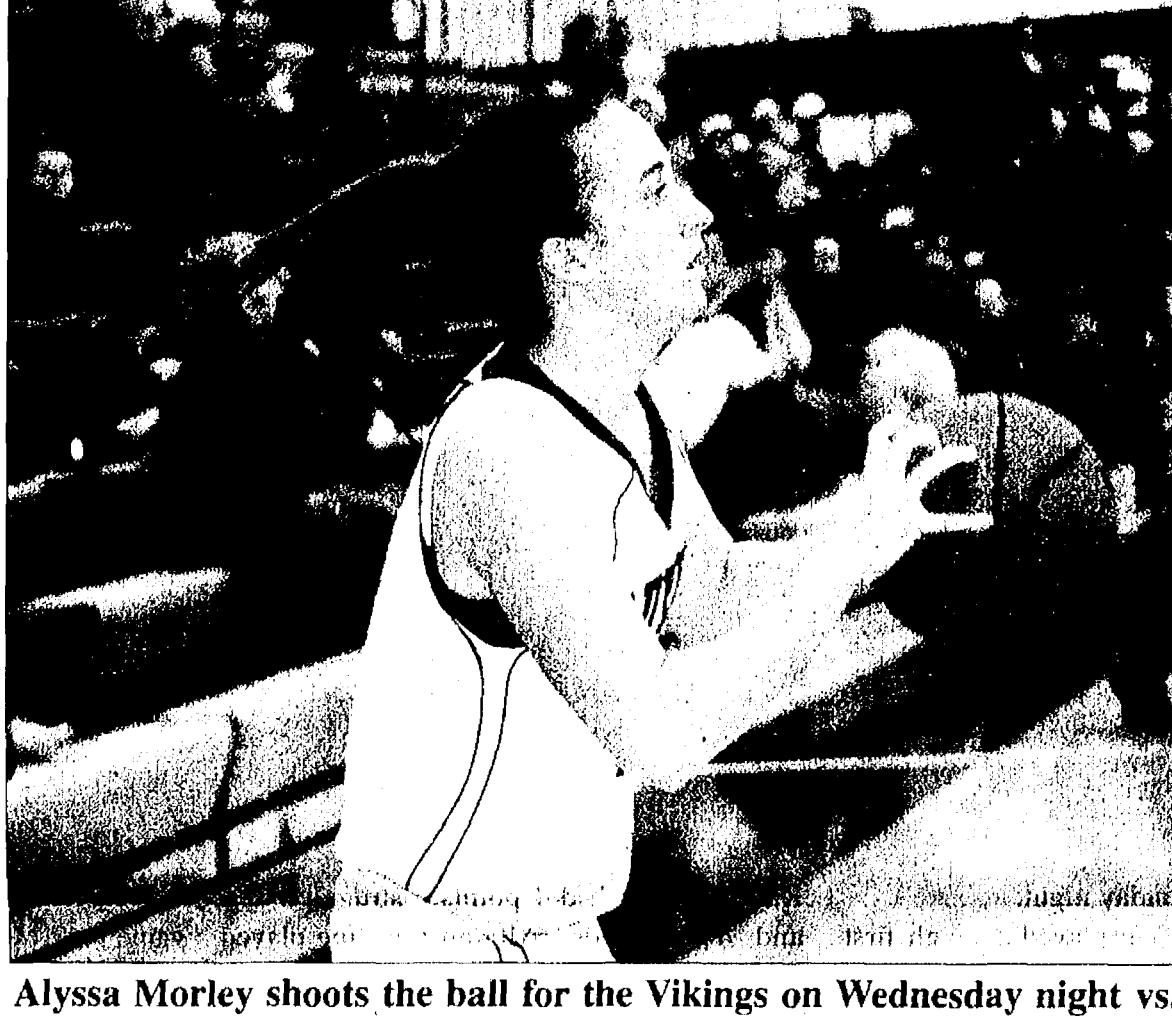
At halftime, Grayling had a 31-18 advantage.

Caitlin Prosser scored on a jump shot early in the third period. Ca. Prosser hit two free throws at the 7:30 mark. Grayling led 35-18.

From the 7:00 mark to the 3:00 mark, Houghton Lake outscored Grayling 12-3 to pull within eight, 38-30.

The Vikings responded with an 8-0 run. The series included two jumpers by Whittaker, an inside shot by Money, and a put-back by Denno.

The Bobcats scored the last four points of the third quarter, hitting four free



Alyssa Morley shoots the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday night vs. the Bobcats.

throws.

Grayling led by 12, 46-34, going into the last eight minutes of regulation.

The Vikings outscored Houghton Lake 20-15 in the fourth quarter. Cragg had six points for GHS in the fourth period. Ca. Prosser, Ci. Prosser, Denno, Haven, and Whittaker also scored

for Grayling down the stretch.

The Vikings won 66-49.

"We ran the court pretty well," Coach Powers said.

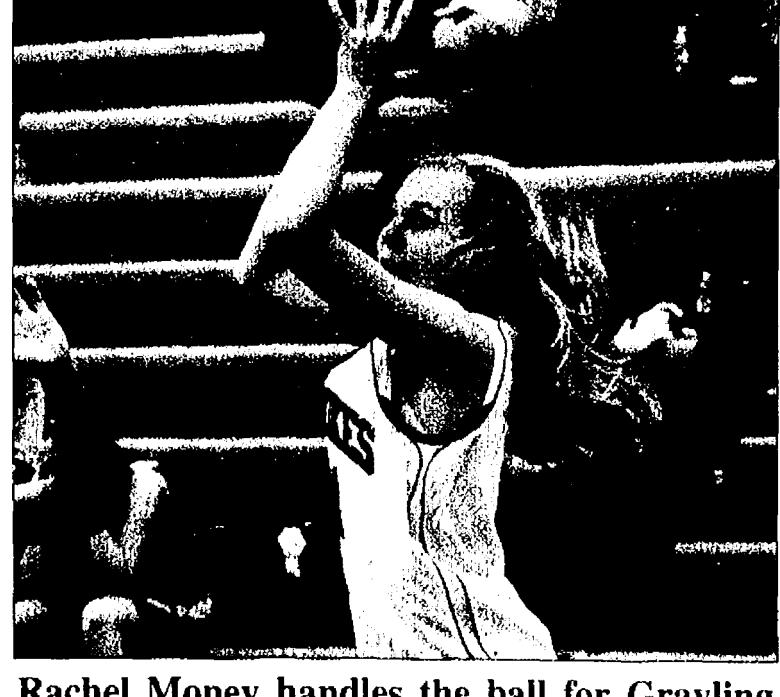
"We had way too many fouls and that slowed the game up. We want to run,

run, run, play at a fast tempo. That's something we

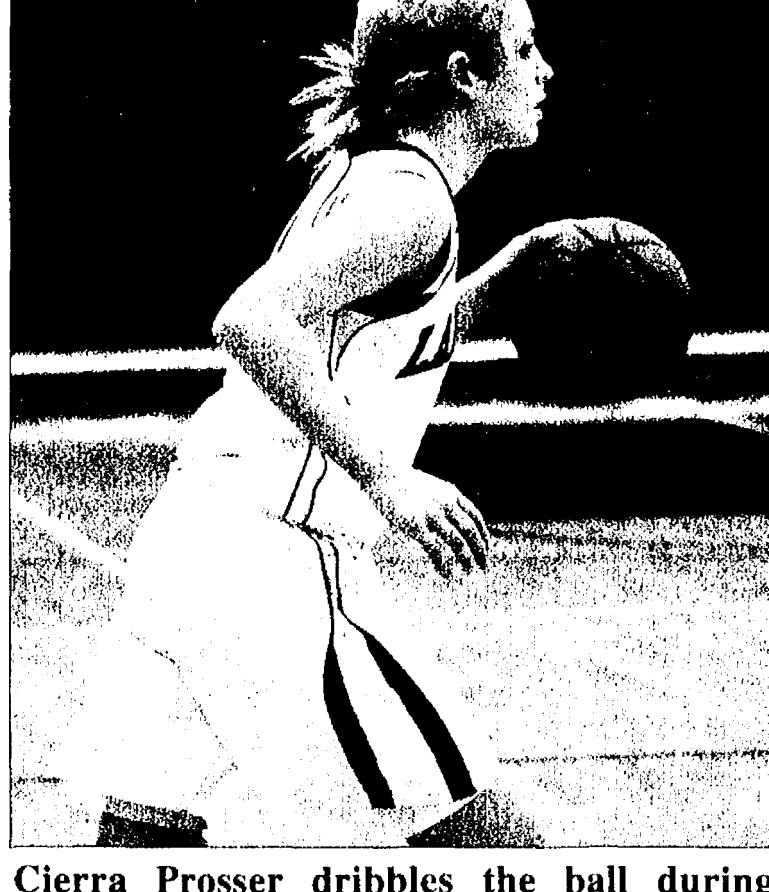
need to get better on."

Nine different players scored for Grayling. Whittaker had 16 points. Denno had 10 points. Haven finished with nine. Cragg and Ca. Prosser each had eight points.

The Vikings (4-1 overall, 1-1 league) will host Kalkaska on Friday, Jan. 4, at 6 p.m.



Rachel Money handles the ball for Grayling vs. Houghton Lake.



Cierra Prosser dribbles the ball during Wednesday's home game.

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Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball squad improved its season record to 4-0 with a 62-39 victory at Elk Rapids on Monday.

The Vikings led 17-6 at the end of the first quarter. They had a 34-19 advantage at halftime.

Darin Nicholas had 15 points and four steals. Emmett Helsel had 14 points, six rebounds, and three steals. Scout Tobin

had 10 points, six assists, and three steals. Mason Papendick had six points and three rebounds. Jake Hinkle had five points and five steals. Tony Stankovski had four points and four rebounds. Dylan Wyman had four points and three rebounds. Gunner Metzger scored four points.

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JV squad moves to 4-0 with win vs. Elks

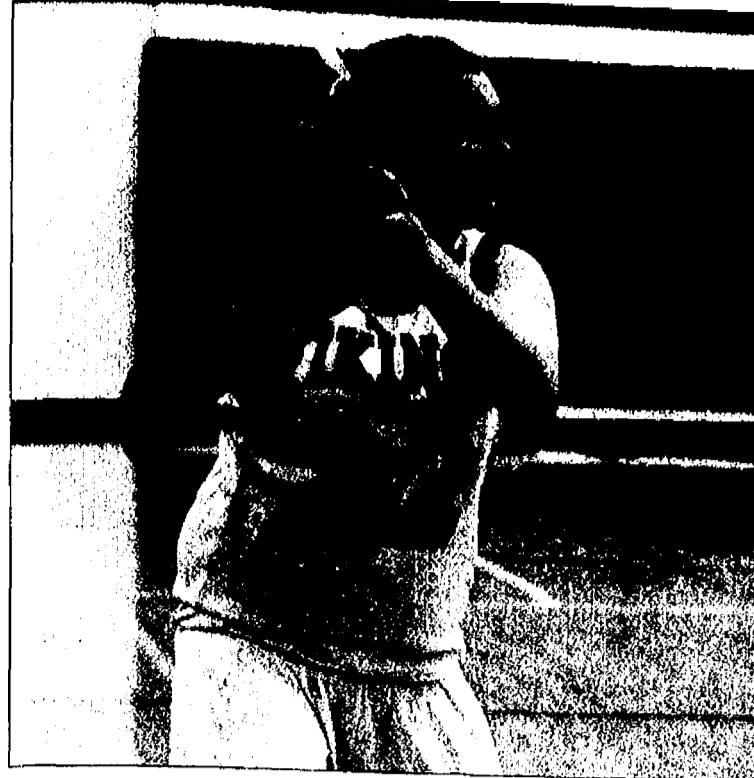
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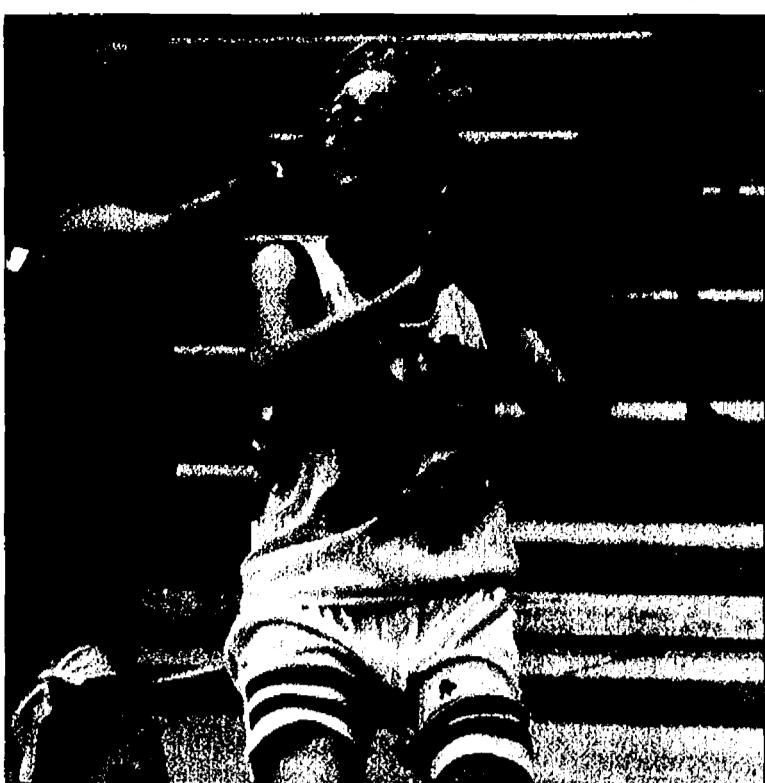
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Hailey Eames, left, and Jordan Tinker, right, handle the ball for Grayling's JV basketball squad during last week's contest vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats.



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The Vikings led 17-8 going into the second quarter, and they added to their lead with a 14-3 second period performance. Grayling scored its 13 points with a jumper by Umlor, one free throw by Katie Vierling, a three-point play and another inside shot by Vierling, a lay-up by Ashley Branch, and jump shots by Metiva and Hatfield.

Grayling had a 20-point lead at halftime, 31-11. The Vikings outscored Houghton Lake 10-2 in the first 3:39 of the third quarter

to lead 41-13. The series included a three-point play by Umlor, two free throws from Umlor, a lay-up by Hatfield, one free throw by B. Nielson, and a put-back by Jordan Tinker.

Grayling did not score in the last 4:20 of the period. Houghton Lake scored eight points during that span.

At the end of the third quarter, the Vikings led by 20, 41-21.

In the fourth period, the Vikings scored 10 points and the Bobcats scored nine points. Grayling scored its 10 with a jump shot by Umlor, two free throws and

a jumper by Emily Jackson, a jump shot by Metiva, and a put-back by Hailey Eames.

Coach Brooke Knight said the team had trouble scoring during Monday night's game - a loss at Elk Rapids - so the squad focused on being more aggressive on offense during Tuesday's practice, which paid off vs. Houghton Lake.

"Our mind-set was to shoot and rebound, look to shoot and attack the basket any chance we could," Coach Knight said. "It worked out well. We had 11

of our 14 people score."

Umlor had 14 points, five steals, and four rebounds. Metiva had six points, three assists, and two steals. Hatfield had six points and two assists. Vierling had six points and three rebounds. B. Nielson had five points, 11 rebounds, and two steals. Lillie Carr had 10 rebounds.

"We tried to pick up the defensive pressure too, and we did that," Coach Knight said.

The Vikings will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m.

Vikings fall to Elks, Rams in road games

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball team lost 46-26 at Elk Rapids on Monday night.

"We played a tough first quarter despite being out-sized and we trailed 17-11 at the end of the first. Elk increased their lead by six more in the second quarter to put them up 27-15 at halftime. It just wasn't in the cards for us tonight. We again played hard but need to become more aggressive on offense and on defense," Coach Brooke Knight said.

Brittany Nielson had 6 points and 5 steals for GHS. Taylor Nielson had 5 points

and 3 rebounds. Erica Umlor had 5 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Katie Vierling had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Allison Dorn had 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 1 steal.

On Thursday, Dec. 13, the Vikings lost 37-27 at Harbor Springs.

Dorn had 7 points and 4 rebounds. Umlor had 7 points, 2 steals, and 1 block. T. Nielson had 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, and 2 steals. B. Nielson had 4 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals.

"It was a tough, physical game. Our girls did a lot of

things right and executed our press perfectly, forcing over 25 turnovers. We just struggled to score. With not having played a game in 11 days and with having to travel to Harbor Springs, I was impressed with how our girls came out and were ready to play. We played an even 4-4 first quarter.

Harbor made a run in the second quarter to go up 16-7, and the second half was played pretty even; we just couldn't overcome their second quarter streak," Coach Knight said.

Trey Moffit, Nate Burmeister, and Brent Weismiller helped us control the ball and get good penetration for quality shots all night. Louis Cotton and Chris Hunter added some quality backup time and aggressiveness on defense. Flynn Powers and Rickey Heavner also provided quality backup time at the big positions. Flynn and Rickey did a great job this year playing both guard and forward positions," Coach Hofman said.

Moffit had 13 points and Nicholas had 11 points. Gauthier had six points.

"This was a great group of kids to work with and a great group of supporting parents who were at home and away games. It is a huge benefit to our program and our teams with great support like we had this year," Coach Hofman said.

"We had great support from our bench, who provided stability and consistency in the game. Jaden Gauthier, Justin Nicholas, Ben Hetfield, and Jarred Lalonde did a great job of rebounding and post defense against a much taller, athletic player. Our guard play from Sam Davis,

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GMS Boys Basketball

7th/8th grade

Grayling Middle School's 7th/8th grade combo team lost 36-16 vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Monday in a game played at GMS.

The Vikings trailed 10-4 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling outscored Traverse City St. Elizabeth 6-0 in the second period to tie the game at 10-10 at halftime. St. Elizabeth outscored Grayling 26-6 in the second half to win by 20.

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heart and improved play and made Kalkaska earn their victory this time. We had a rough beginning of the fourth quarter, which allowed the Blazers to build a 10-point lead, which we struggled to cut into. We had a few bad turnovers and missed shots and free throws that made the difference in the game. I felt that this was our best team effort by far this year. The players came out and showed some real heart during some pivotal points in the game where earlier in the year we would have mentally fallen apart. They fought through those tough times and responded to keep the game close throughout," Coach Craig Hofman said.

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the 8th grade

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball squad lost 63-19 vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Monday night.

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ALL-CONFERENCE

Ten Vikings earn all-league honors

Football team announces team awards, other recognition

Grayling High School's varsity football program recently announced its team awards, all-conference honors, and other recognition, including two all-state selections.

The team gave out five awards: Michael Goodrich (for best offensive lineman, on and off the field) - Emmett Helsel; Scout Team MVP - Jakob Hoover; Offensive MVP - Jake Swander and Ty Jensen; Defensive MVP - Wes Dean and Scott Parkinson; B.A.H.U.N.A. - Tyler McClanahan.

Grayling had five all-league selections and five all-conference honorable mentions. All-league: Swander, Jensen, Dean, McClanahan, Parkinson.

Swander, the team's QB, threw for 2,800 yards and 22 touchdowns. Jensen had 920 rushing yards, 456 receiving yards on 42 catches, and 20 total touchdowns. McClanahan caught 60 passes for 852 yards and six TDs this year. Parkinson had 40 receptions for 510 yards and five TDs; he also had seven interceptions on defense. Dean had 113 tackles during the 2012 season.

The team's five all-league honorable mentions were Lucas Walesky, Kevin Harris, Brandon Handrich, Scout Tobin, and Helsel.

Two players earned all-state recognition: Swander and McClanahan.

Swander was an AP Special Mention All-State and a *Detroit News* Honorable Mention All-State; he also made the All Lake Michigan Team and the All Northern Michigan Team.

McClanahan was an AP Special Mention All-State, a *Detroit News* Honorable Mention All-State, and a *Detroit Free Press* 1st Team All-State selection.

Jensen made the All ESPN Northern Michigan Team.

According to available records, this year's Viking football team posted the first undefeated season in the program's history. Grayling was 9-0 this year during the regular season and won its first ever Lake Michigan Conference title.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by NANCY DUTTON, a single woman, whose address is 206 Kerry Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Rural Housing Service (also known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagor, dated March 1, 2005 and recorded March 31, 2005 in Liber 674 of Crawford County Records on Page 457, said Borrower on the same date of March 1, 2005 having also executed an Assumption Agreement by which she assumed the prior Mortgage given by Roy J. Dutton and Nancy Dutton to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, such Mortgage being dated July 30, 1999 and recorded August 10, 1999 in Liber 488 of Crawford County Records on Page 27; and by reason of such default

the Mortgagor elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and other applicable charges, the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 05/100 (\$63,161.05) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

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FILE NO. 12-8099-DE
Estate of GEORGE EMERSON,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, George Emerson, died 10/04/2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rachel VanGuilder, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-8120-DE
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Date 12/18/12

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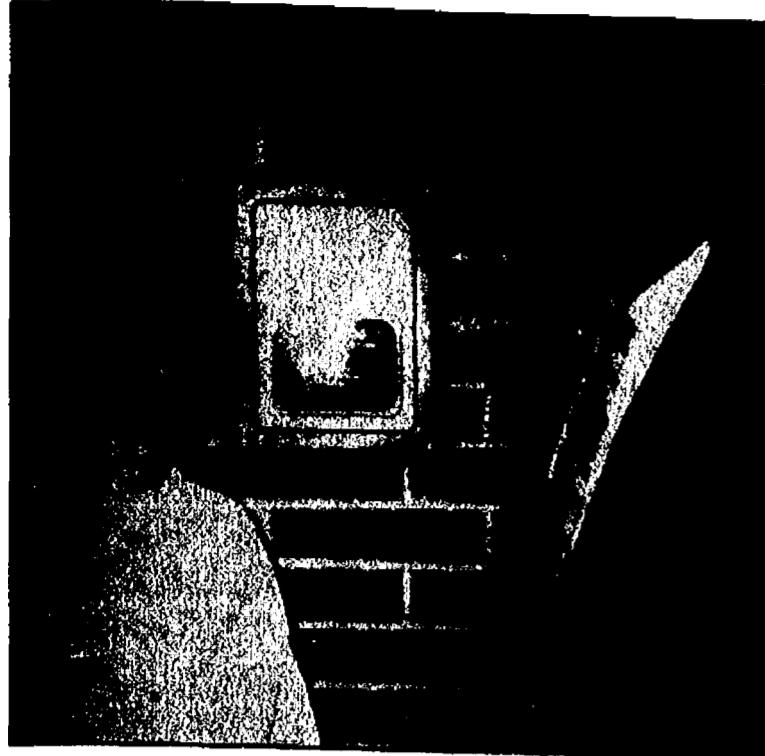
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23 Years Ago

December 28, 1989

Weyerhaeuser building a \$60 million plant here was the top news story of the decade for Crawford County. The Structurwood plant located in Beaver Creek Township shipped its first load in September of 1982. Controversy over the use of Camp Grayling reached the courtroom in 1988. The AuSable Manistee Action Council

tried to restrict the use of the camp to Michigan National Guards. A committee established by Governor Blanchard helped reach compromises between the military and civilians complaining about the training at the camp. The third top story of the decade was a combination of new construction at Camp Grayling. A \$920,000 armory was dedicated in May 1982. Also, in 1982, construction

was started on a \$1.8 million ammunition supply center. In 1983, construction started for a new \$6.5 million MATES complex along North Down River Road.

Richard Conway pleading guilty to a 2nd degree murder charge in connection with the death of his 11 week old daughter was the most important news in Crawford County in 1989.

Jack and Nita Millikin's home on Millikin Road won the 1989 Christmas Home Decorating Contest sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. The Millikin's won \$50 for first place.

The Crawford AuSable School Board took action at their December 18 board meeting to hire the construction management firm of Elzinga & Volkers of Houghton Lake to prepare cost estimates and develop preliminary specifications for the possible construction of a new elementary school.

46 Years Ago

December 29, 1966

A ground breaking ceremony will be held next Wednesday, January 4 at 2 p.m. for the commencement of construction of AuSagra Acres, the City of Grayling's public housing

project.

Fred Bear, world renowned big game bow and arrow hunter, broke ground at Bear Mountain for the new museum building which will house his famous world collection of big game animals. The museum, now located in the Bear Archery Company building will be moved to the new location sometime in February.

69 Years Ago

December 30, 1943

Members of the American Legion held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hanson on Dec. 28. Mrs. A.J. Nielson and Mrs. Carl Nielson assisted. Pinochle was enjoyed and high score was held by Miss Leone Jorgenson and low by Mrs. Otto Failing.

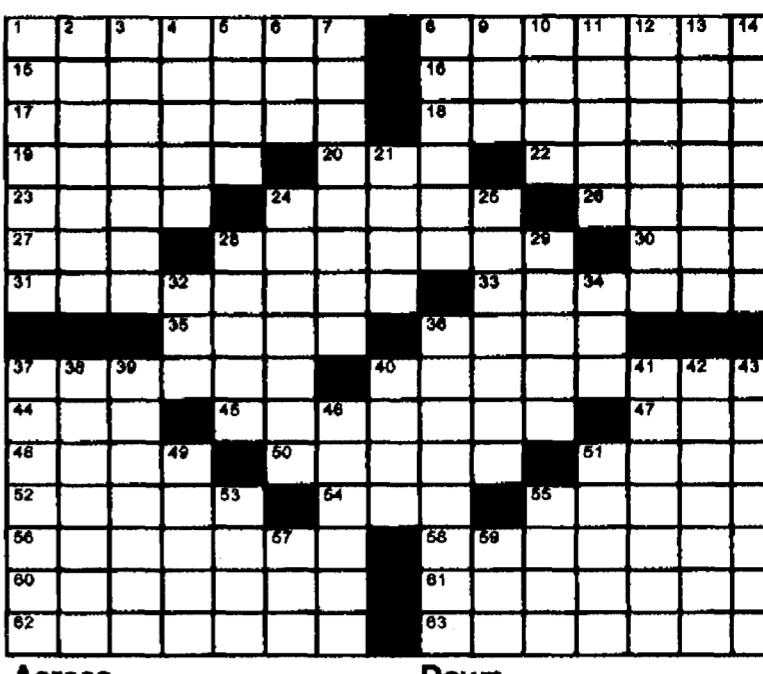
92 Years Ago

December 30, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson entertained over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. William Pobur and children of Detroit.

The Annual Masonic Ball drew a large attendance. It was the prettiest party of the season. Clark's eight piece orchestra furnished the music.

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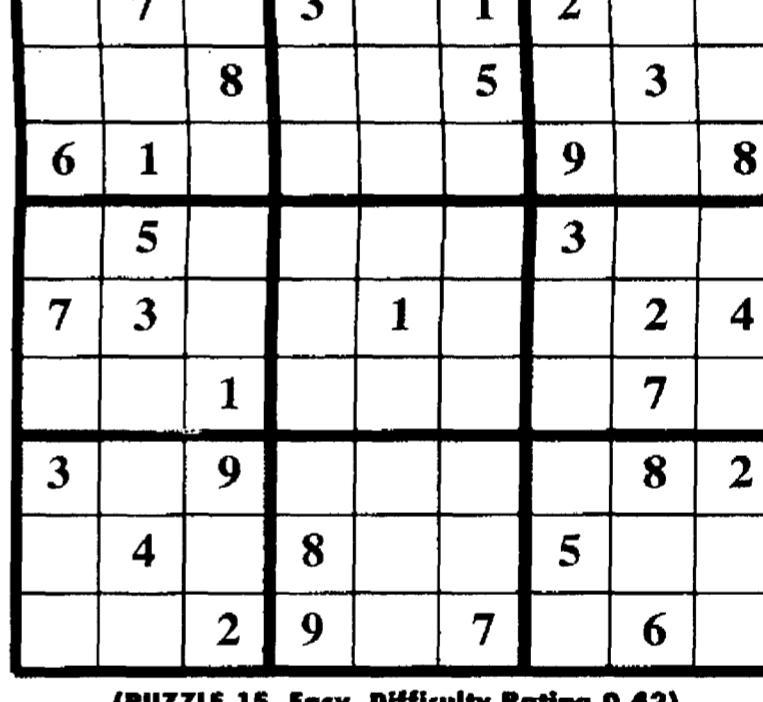


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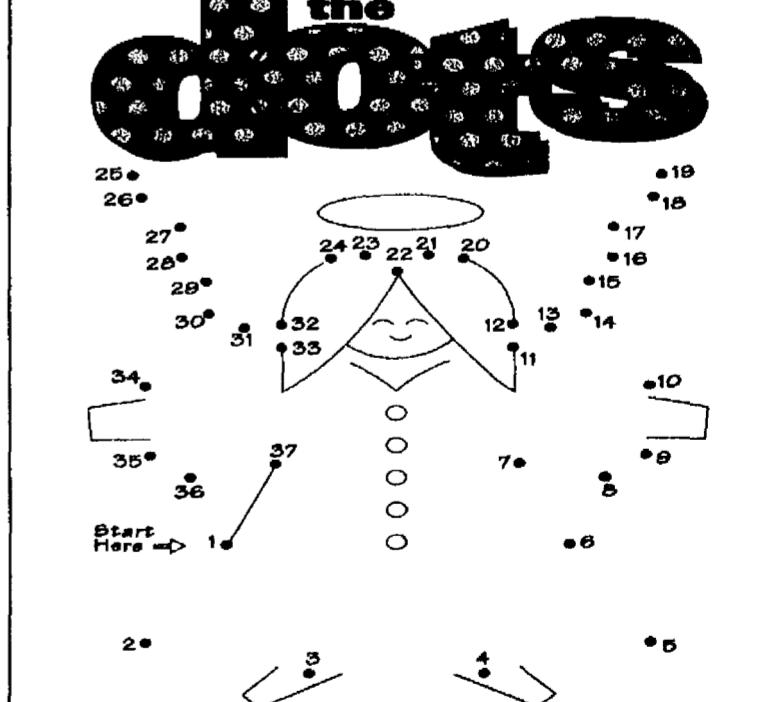
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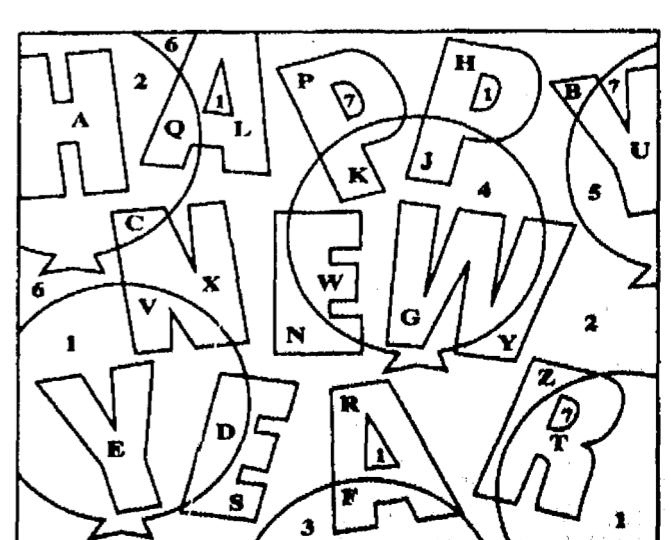
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CRUNCHY ASIAN CHICKEN WRAP

Ingredients:

1/4 cup Asian Toasted Sesame Dressing
2 Tbsp. Salad Dressing
4 cups shredded lettuce
2 cups chopped cooked chicken
1 large carrot, shredded
1 green onion, thinly sliced
4 flour tortillas (10 inch)

Directions:

MIX dressings in large bowl.

ADD lettuce, chicken, carrots and onions; mix lightly.

SPOON onto tortillas; roll up.

Shortcut

For added convenience, substitute 4 cups bagged salad greens for the shredded lettuce.

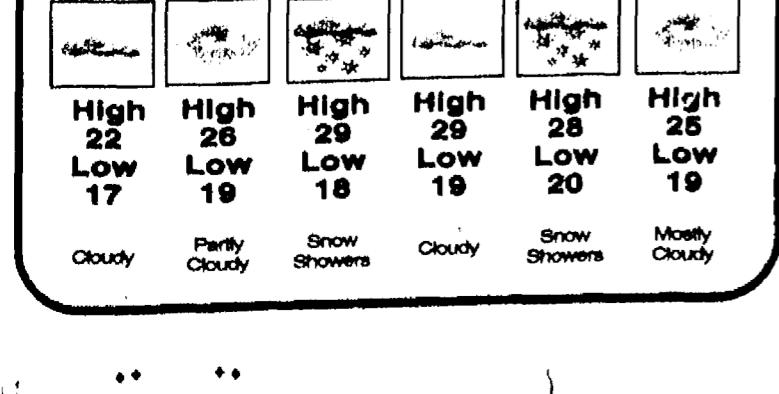
Special Extra

Mix 1/4 cup toasted Sliced Almonds with the chicken mixture before spooning onto tortillas and rolling up.

Shortcut

Substitute 1 pkg. (9 oz.) Deli Fresh Oven Roasted Chicken Breast Cuts for the chopped cooked fresh chicken.

Prep time: 10 min.
Total time: 15 min.



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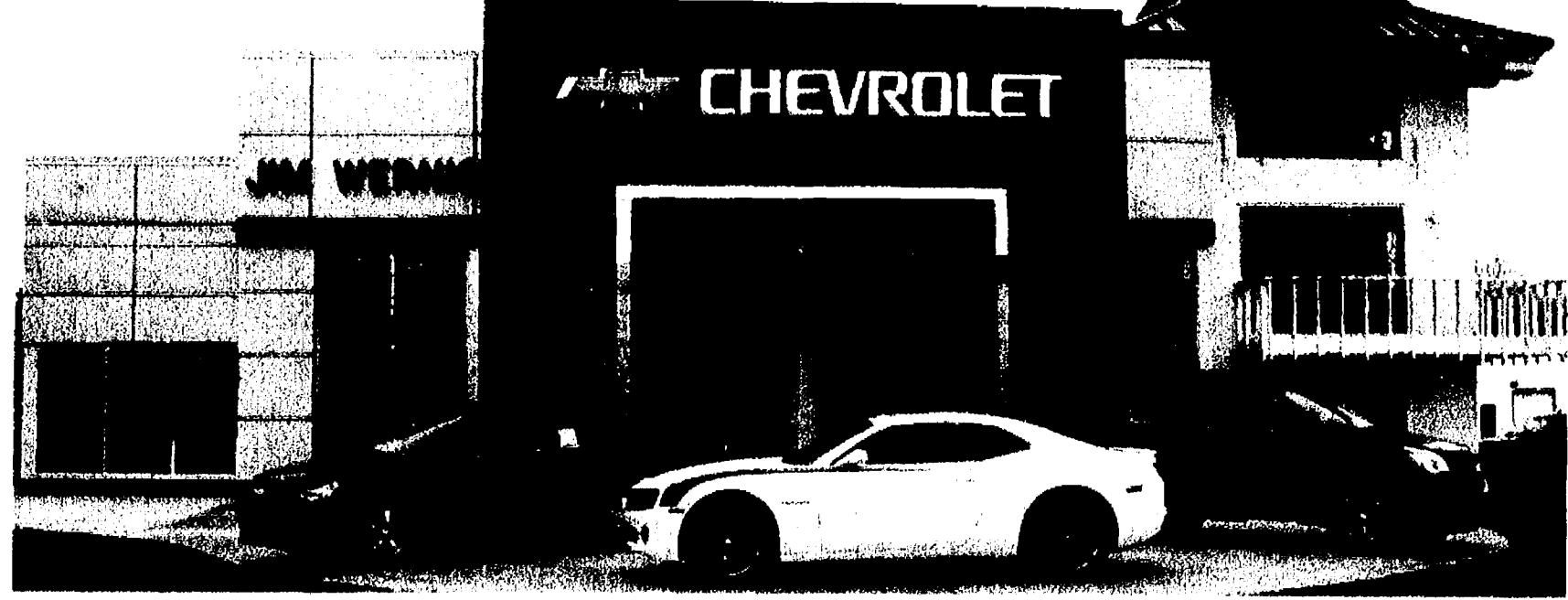
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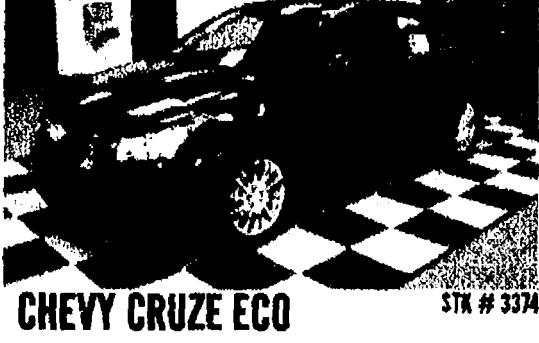
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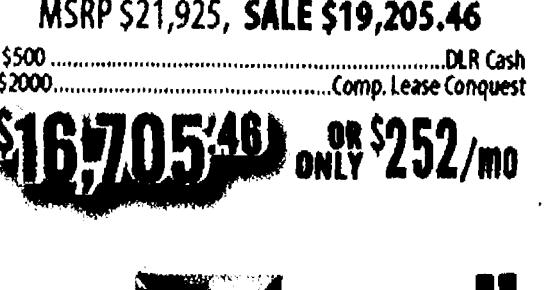
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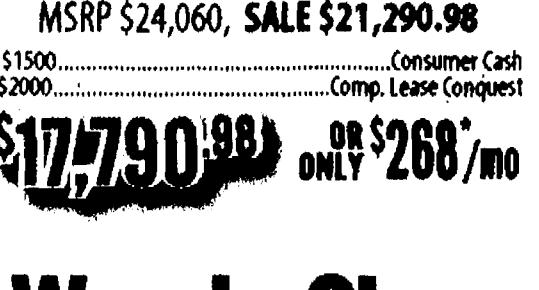
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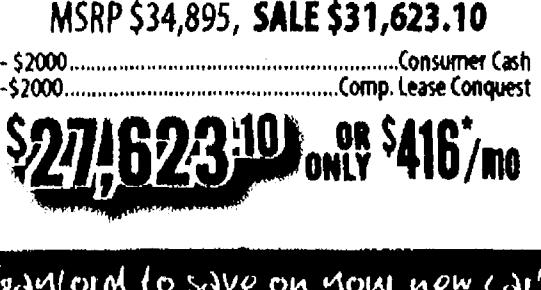
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